



PATENT APPLICATION
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: Integrated Portable Ultrasound Imaging System

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

An extension to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of time to respond to the Office Action and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment and Response. Authorization is given to charge any additional fees due for this submission to Deposit Account No. 50-1935.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3.

Please amend the application as follows: